

Mrs. Sarah Carmichael Harrell collection

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Summary Information

Repository	Rare Books and Manuscripts
Creator	Harrell, Sarah Carmichael, 1844-1929
Title	Mrs. Sarah Carmichael Harrell collection
Date	1825-1927
Extent	1.3 Cubic feet 1 manuscript box; 4 custom clamshell boxes
Language	English

Preferred Citation

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Biographical Note

Mrs. S.S. Harrell (or Sarah Carmichael) was born in Brookville, Indiana in 1844. She was a schoolteacher when she was fifteen and in 1873, she married Hon. S.S. (Samuel Sidney) Harrell, who was a county clerk and attorney. They had two children. She was very active in church, social, and educational circles. She was a member of the Child Rescue League, Chairman of the 6th District History Department, librarian, writer, and a manager for the Indiana Board of Managers of the 1893 Columbian Exposition (or Chicago World's Fair). She was also the first secretary of the Historical Society in Brookville in 1908.

At the Columbian Exposition, she worked to create an exhibition for the teachers and school kids and she created the "Penny Fund" where people would donate certain change, depending on who they were, like school kids can give a penny, a dime from teachers, etc. "But for Mrs. Harrell's inventive genius and great executive ability many of the Hoosier children would not have been brought to appreciate the advantages of the World's Great Fair, and the educational exhibit would not have been what everyone has reason to expect from it now. Mrs. Harrell is a lady of rare culture and great force of character; and her unselfish and untiring labors to make the educational exhibit a great success are fully appreciated and will long be remembered by the people of Indiana" (Campbell, 81). She passed away in 1929.

Sources: collection inventory, AncestryLibrary, and Google Books:

Campbell, James Bartlett. (1893). *The World's Colombian Exposition Illustrated: March 1892 to March 1893*. Architecture. 81.

Riefel, August Jacob. (1915) *History of Franklin County, Indiana: Her People, Industries, and Institutions*. Windmill Publications, 362-363.

Scope and Contents

This collection includes newspaper clippings and scrapbooks from Mrs. Sarah Carmichael Harrell in Indiana ranging from 1825-1927 regarding the Columbian Exposition (or otherwise known as the Chicago World's Fair), Brookville, Franklin County, Indiana history, poetry and stories.

Arrangement

This collection is arranged by subject.

Administrative Information

Publication Information

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This collection is open for research.

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Custodial History

This collection was received by Rare Books and Manuscripts as a donation.

Accruals

No further additions are expected.

Processing Information

Collection processing completed 2016/11/16 by Kori Nell. EAD finding aid created 2016/11/16 by Kori Nell. Finding aid revised by Bethany Fiechter 2017/01/12.

Controlled Access Headings

Corporate Name(s)

- Scotus Gaul Picti (Brookville, Ind.).

Geographic Name(s)

- Brookville (Ind.)

Personal Name(s)

- Matthews, Claude, 1845-1898
- Rabb, Kate Milner, 1866-1937
- Sewall, May Wright, 1844-1920 -- Archives

Subject(s)

- History--Societies, etc.--Indiana
- Newspaper columns
- World's Columbian Exposition (1893 : Chicago, Ill.)

Collection Inventory

	Box	Folder
World's Columbian Exposition correspondence and clippings, 1892-1895	1	1
Miscellaneous correspondence, 1922-1927	1	2
Miscellaneous newspaper clippings, 1861-1898	1	3
		Box
World's Columbian Exposition scrapbook, 1891-1895		2
"Centennial Club News; Kate Milner Rabb; Miss Chitwood; Historical Society; Harrell, Brown, Buckley Families; Brookville Newspaper; Obituary's of Interest" scrapbook, 1865-1927		3
"Brookville History; Scotus Gaul Picti, Brookville 1898; Mary McCullum; Centennial Clubs; Historical Society; Beath B. People [?]; Governors of Indiana from Brookville; List of prominent men who aren't from Brookville" scrapbook, 1897-1924		4
"Poetry, Stories, and Military" scrapbook, 1825-1851		5
		Oversize
World's Columbian Exposition Indiana Commission appointment certificate and letter, 1891/03/18		OBC147